

**Rasmuson Foundation Fisheries Education Grant**  
**Monthly Report**  
**University of Alaska Fairbanks**  
**School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences**  
**July 2007**

***Preface:** To keep faculty and administrators at UAF, UAS and the Rasmuson Foundation apprised of the ongoing accomplishments and activities of the Rasmuson Fisheries Expansion, a very brief monthly report will be prepared. This report is intended to be informal and informative. Questions regarding activities in this report should be directed to Dr. Trent M. Sutton (e-mail: [tsutton@sfos.uaf.edu](mailto:tsutton@sfos.uaf.edu)).*

**1. Curriculum Review, Planning, and Development**

- a.** Trent Sutton met with Steve Grabacki (Graystar Pacific Seafood, Ltd.; adjunct faculty in the Logistics Department at the University of Alaska Anchorage) and Gunnar Knapp (Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Fairbanks) to discuss the Bachelor of Arts on Fisheries on 26 July 2007 in Anchorage. Discussion items included courses to be taught within this program (see New Course Offerings), potential foci of the program, other prospective individuals that could teach classes within the curriculum, and modes of distance delivery of courses. Additional discussions will take place regarding the final composition of the Bachelor of Arts curriculum and articulation of course offerings among University of Alaska campuses.
- b.** Trent Sutton will meet with Mark Herrman on 30 July 2007 in the School of Management at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to discuss the Bachelor of Arts in Fisheries, with a primary focus on the potential concentrations of the minor tracks. An additional discussion item will include possible course offerings from the School of Management that might be applicable to this degree program.
- c.** Trent Sutton will travel to Kodiak (August 04-07) to meet with faculty and staff at the University of Alaska Fairbanks FITC to discuss their involvement in the Bachelor of Arts in Fisheries program, including potential course offerings.
- d.** The program change documentation for revising the Bachelor of Science in Fisheries will be completed by mid-August 2007.
- e.** A draft of the new B.A. in Fisheries curriculum in preparation during July will be distributed to reviewers (including Rasmuson Fisheries Excellence Committee) by mid-August 2007.

**2. New Course Offerings**

- a.** Amanda Rosenberger has completed a draft proposal of the structure and guidelines for the internship program to be administered as part of the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Fisheries programs. The internship will be a required component of these curricula, and

will be available for 1 to 4 credits, depending on the focus and needs of the student. This document will be submitted to the fisheries faculty for approval in August 2007.

- b. Steve Grabacki, an adjunct faculty member at UAA, has offered to teach courses in Fisheries Management/Advanced Fisheries Management (BIOL A485/BIOL A685) and Seafood Supply Chain Management (LOG A494G) for the Bachelor of Arts in Fisheries program.

### **3. Development and Renovation of Physical Facilities and Infrastructure**

- a. Construction activities in the new classroom in the O'Neill Building (Fairbanks) remain on schedule, with a tentative occupancy date of late August 2007.
- b. Construction of the new facility in Juneau at Lena Pt is on schedule for late summer 2008 occupation.

### **4. Expansion and Engagement of Faculty**

Provost's Request to Fill Position forms have been completed for the two Fisheries positions and three Ocean Observing positions. Discussions continue on the composition of the search committees and format of the upcoming interviews.

### **5. Undergraduate Student Recruitment and Retention**

- a. B.S. Fisheries Admission Report
  - 1. 14 students have applied to the program, 7 students have been admitted, and 6 new students have currently enrolled for the fall 2007 semester; it is anticipated that at least 4 more students will enroll prior to the start of the school year.
  - 2. One of the ANSEP Biological Sciences Summer Bridging Program students, Levi Wegner, plans to enroll in the B.S. Fisheries program in fall 2007.
- b. SFOS informational packets and congratulatory notes were sent to 2007 RAHI graduates (n=59) and to all 2007 AFS Hutton Scholarship recipients (n=62).
- c. Trent Sutton and Katie Murra met with Dan Solie (ANSEP) on 23 July 2007 in Fairbanks to discuss upcoming activities within ANSEP and joint activities with the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.
- d. Trent Sutton and Katie Murra met with Herb Schroeder, Michelle Yatchmeneff, and Matt Calhoun (ANSEP) on 26 July 2007 in Anchorage. The nature of this meeting was to discuss the ANSEP program, including the pre-college, summer bridging, and university retention programs, within the context of ongoing recruitment and retention activities associated with the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. Herb also gave Trent and Katie a tour of the ANSEP

building on the UAA campus and discussed current and future plans and activities within the program for students in fisheries.

**6. Participation of FITC/Kodiak and other SFOS Sites and Programs**

No new development in this area during July; plans for new courses in seafood science and technology are being developed for approval in the new academic year.

**7. Articulation Opportunities to Existing A.A. and Certificate Programs**

No new development in this area for July.

**8. Allocation of Rasmuson Budget and Matching Funds**

- a. Rasmuson: \$1,500,000  
UAF Match: \$500,000
- b. Spent and encumbered (as of 7/27):  
Rasmuson: \$410,240  
Match: \$420,678

**9. Status of Fundraising for Match**

a. The search for a the SFOS development officer has moved to the second stage – candidate phone interviews. UAF Vice Chancellor for Development Judyth Wier is serving on the search committee with Denis Wiesenburg and SFOS Public Information Officer Carin Bailey. Denis Wiesenburg has an appointment to speak with Rasmuson Foundation President Diane Kaplan on August 14 to discuss foundations in the Lower 48 that might be interested in providing matching funds for the fisheries program expansion.

b. The request by Chancellors of UAF, UAA and UAS in June for an expanded request to the legislature for funds to match the Rasmuson Foundation grant, to include funds to allow UAA and UAS to collaborate more fully in the fisheries expansion, is under consideration by President Hamilton. Their memo proposes a "Fisheries Initiative Joint Budget Request" for consideration by the 2008 Alaska Legislature.

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